

**District of Columbia
Child and Family Services Agency**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FY06 Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children Grant

With funds appropriated by the Council for the District of Columbia, the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) is soliciting applications from organizations with agreements with the District of Columbia Superior Court, to provide Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to children in the child protection system.

CFSA intends to grant awards to organizations to serve two specific populations of youth: sexual minority youth; and youth who are aging out of the foster care system. The latter population has a further requirement that the mentors themselves be former foster children, who aged out of a foster care system within the last seven years.

Successful applicants will provide mentoring services tailored to the two populations listed above. Applicants who apply to this Request for Applications (RFA) must design mentoring services specific to the needs of the target populations. A total, not to exceed, \$200,000 is available for funding successful applicants.

The RFA will be released on August 17, 2005, and the deadline for submissions is September 12, 2005 at 5:00 to the Child and Family Services Agency, 400 6th St. SW, Washington, DC 20024, Attention Brian Campbell (202-442-6151). For additional information, please contact Janet Maher, at CFSA (202-442-6160).

The RFA will be available from CFSA, located at 400 6th St. SW, Washington, DC 20024. In addition, the RFA will be available at the Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants website (<http://www.opgdd.dc.gov>) under the link to the District Grants Clearinghouse.